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Response Due Date:
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Reference: 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (7/1/06 - 8/23/06)

Dear Mr. Hale:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Commission Regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are "dinner expense", "media", "salary", "polling", "travel", "party fees", "phone banks", "travel expenses", "travel expense reimbursement" and "catering costs". Examples of election day and voter registration activity include "exit polling", "door-to-door get out the vote", "get out the vote phone calls" and "driving voters to the polls". Unacceptable descriptions, which require additional clarification, include but are not limited to "advance", "consulting", "commission", "contract labor", "retainer", "election day expense", "expenses", "invoice", "support", "expense reimbursement", "miscellaneous", "professional services", "get-out-the-vote", "voter registration" and **"research services"**. (11 CFR §104.3(b)(4)(A)) Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions that do not meet the requirements of the Regulations.

Please note you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply